

I CLAIM AS MY INVENTION:

1. A container constructed of metal wires, comprising:

5 a base including a lower support wire bent to establish the predominant shape of said base;

a top including an upper support wire bent to establish the predominant shape of said top;

a plurality of decorative wire items, each of said decorative wire items simulating a well known entity; and

10 a sidewall connecting said lower support wire and said upper support wire to rigidly space said lower support wire from said upper support wire, said sidewall comprising said plurality of said decorative wire items.

15 2. The container of claim 1, wherein each of said decorative wire items has selected portions fixedly attached to selected portions of said lower support wire of said base and said upper support wire of said top.

20 3. The container of claim 1, wherein each of said decorative wire items has selected portions fixedly attached to selected portions of said lower support wire of said base and another of said decorative wire items.

4. The container of claim 1, wherein each of said decorative wire items has selected portions fixedly attached to selected portions of said upper support wire of said top and another of said decorative wire items.

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5. The container of claims 2, 3 or 4, wherein said selected portions form a triangular brace.

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6. The container of claim 1, wherein selected ones of said decorative items consist of wires bent to simulate said entity.

7. The container of claim 6, wherein said entities which are simulated by said decorative wire items are naturally occurring entities.

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8. The container of claim 7, wherein said naturally occurring entities are living creatures.

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9. The container of claim 8, wherein said living creature is a flower, said flower comprising a central body surrounded by a plurality of petals, said petals being formed by a plurality of loops of wire affixed to said central portion.

10. The container of claim 9, wherein said central body comprises at least one wire helically wound tightly together.

11. The container of claim 8, wherein said living creature is an insect, said insect comprising a body and a plurality of wings, said wings being formed by a plurality of wires bent to simulate said wings and affixed to said body.

5 12. The container of claim 11, wherein said body comprises at least one wire helically wound tightly together to simulate the three-dimensional contours of said body.

13. The container of claim 11, wherein said insect is a butterfly.

10 14. The container of claim 11, wherein said insect is a dragonfly.

15 15. The container of claim 1, wherein said metal wires comprise a plurality of different thicknesses and wherein said support wires are the thickest.

16. The container of claim 15, wherein said items are formed of wires of a thickness smaller than said support wires, said smaller wires being bent to form a simulation of said items.

20 17. The container of claim 16, wherein each of said items includes at least one wire defining an outer perimeter, and said fixedly attached selected portions of said decorative items comprise said outer perimetrical wires.

18. The container of claim 16, wherein features of said decorative items which are known to be more delicate than other features thereof are formed of the thinnest wires of said wire container.

5 19. The container of claim 15, further comprising a plurality of vertical support wires, each of said plurality of vertical support wires having substantially the same thickness as said upper and lower support wires, and each of plurality of vertical support wires having opposite ends fixedly attached, respectively, to said lower support wire and said upper support wires and forming therewith a support
10 framework for said container.

20. The container of claim 19, wherein each of said decorative items have selected portions fixedly attached to selected portions of at least three from the following group: (1) at least one other of said decorative items; (2) said upper
15 support wire; (3) at least one of said vertical support wires; and (4) said lower support wire.